



NEW FRONTIERS in Literacy

Annual General Meeting 2009



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On September 26th Frontier College held its Annual General Meeting in Toronto. We were honoured to have the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Minister of Education, deliver the keynote address. Minister Wynne talked about the importance of community partnerships in providing educational opportunities and she commended the work of Frontier College for 110 years of providing literacy services to people of all ages in Ontario and throughout Canada, particularly those living on the margins of society and those struggling within the traditional education system.

The College was delighted to award two of its highest awards: the Companion Award for an individual in recognition of exceptional commitment to the cause of literacy through volunteer service and the Fitzpatrick Award, named for the founder of Frontier College, Alfred Fitzpatrick, for a group in recognition of long term leadership in the literacy field. Alan Smith, Guidance Counsellor for Fort Rouge School in Winnipeg, received this year's Companion Award for his outstanding work as a dedicated community partner with Frontier College in Winnipeg for the past 7 years. Alan was instrumental in helping Frontier College develop its successful Families Learning Together program in Winnipeg.

Compugen Inc., one of Canada's leading IT companies, was the recipient of this year's Fitzpatrick Award. A champion for the cause of literacy, Compugen has been a strong supporter of Frontier College since 1996, raising over \$800,000, along with tens of thousands in in-kind support, for the College's programs across the country. Compugen's innovative fundraising initiatives include its annual "*Thirst for Knowledge*" fundraiser at Hillebrand Estates Winery. Compugen also leverages their partnerships and affiliations with other prestigious technology firms to augment their own support of Frontier College. Congratulations to both Alan Smith and Compugen Inc. and thank you!